

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR STRETCHING

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION (37 CFR 1.116) MAILED MAY 2, 2007

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Reconsideration of the <u>final</u> rejection of the claims of this application mailed May 2, 2007 is respectfully requested in view of the proposed amendments and comments presented herein. This response is timely in view of a petition to enlarge the shortened statutory period for response submitted herewith, including the requisite fee.

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

Amendments to the Claims

The claims are amended as shown in the following pages under the heading "LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS". The listing of claims shows the status of all claims presented in the application, including proposed amendments, and supersedes all prior claim listings. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer. All rights are reserved with regard to the originally disclosed and claimed subject matter.

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